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1. STATEMENT OF GOALS AND TASKS PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON
IS CONCISE AND ACCURATE. I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO
MAKE A FEW ADDITIONAL POINTS.

2. STRENGTHENING THE US-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP IS
ALWAYS A CENTRAL AREA OF MISSION ACTIVITY. IT WILL TAKE
ON PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE DURING THE COMING YEAR WHEN THE
ALLIANCE WILL BE BUSY WITH NEW INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY
THE PRESIDENT AND WHEN THE ALLIES WILL STILL BE
ASSIMILATING AND ADJUSTING TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW
US POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ARMS CONTROL, AND OTHER
ISSUES THAT IMPACT ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS. I SUGGEST
THAT WE:

- (A) ADD, AS A SECOND TICK "STRENGTHEN ALLIED
PERCEPTION OF NATO'S ROLE IN DETERRING SOVIET MILITARY
AND POLITICAL PRESSURE AND NATO'S ROLE IN PROVIDING
THE MECHANISM FOR MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING ALLIED
COHESION WHICH UNDERLY THIS DETERRENT CAPACITY."

- (B) RE-WORD THE THIRD TICK TO READ "PROVIDE
LEADERSHIP IN CONSULTATIONS IN THE COUNCIL AND OTHER
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NATO BODIES ON EAST-WEST ISSUES, INCLUDING MBFR, SALT,
AND OTHER ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, THE CSCE, AS WELL AS ON
ISSUES OF INTEREST OUTSIDE OF EUROPE."

- (C) CHANGE THE FIRST WORD OF THE SIXTH TICK TO READ
"ENCOURAGE" GOOD AND CONSTRUCTIVE US CONTRIBUTIONS ETC.
WE WOULD LIKE TO "ENSURE" SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT FEEL

WE MUST DEFER TO WASHINGTON TO DO SO.

- (D) ADD AS A FINAL TICK UNDER I: "MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS EFFORT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NATO AND US POLICY GOALS."

3. WHILE I AGREE WITH THE THREE POINTS LISTED UNDER II ON NATO'S INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND TENSION AMONG MEMBERS, I NOTE THAT ALL THREE OF THESE DEAL WITH SOUTHERN FLANK ISSUES. I THINK THIS SECTION SHOULD BE EXPANDED AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) ADD TO THE TICK ON SPAIN THE PHRASE "AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPOSE THE SPANISH TO ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES".

- (B) RE-WORD THE TICK ON GREECE AND TURKEY TO CONVEY A MORE POSITIVE OBJECTIVE THAN SIMPLY MINIMIZE THE GREEK-TURKISH FRICTION. WE SUGGEST "HANDLE THE DISCUSSIONS OF GREEK AND TURKISH ISSUE SO AS TO MINIMIZE FRICTION BETWEEN THESE TWO ALLIES, ASSUAGE TURKISH DISCONTENT, AND PROMOTE PROGRESS ON REINTEGRATION OF GREECE INTO THE MILITARY STRUCTURE PENDING RESOLUTION OF BROADER GREECE-TURKEY-US PROBLEMS".

- (C) ADD A TICK TO READ "WORK TO ACCOMMODATE FRG POWER IN THE NATO STRUCTURE, WHILE AVOIDING ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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SEMBLANCE OF A SPECIAL WASHINGTON-BONN RELATIONSHIP".

- (D) ADD A TICK TO READ "WORK TO DEVELOP A MORE STRINGENT AND COST EFFECTIVE NATO SALARY AND EMOLUMENT SCHEDULE WITHIN A MORE EFFECTIVE STAFF STRUCTURE".

- (E) ADD AS A FINAL TICK "BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE THROUGH VISITS, EXERCISES, AND OTHER GESTURES, NATO'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE NORTHERN REGION AND SENSITIVITY AND CONCERN OF SCANDINAVIAN ALLIES". BENNETT

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